

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 527 - HB 724

March 13, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from five to seven, the minimum number of regional solid waste board members located within a municipal solid waste region. Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to provide each regional solid waste board and regional municipal solid waste advisory committee member with solid waste processing guidelines and advisories on best practices. Requires TDEC to provide owners and operators of Class III and IV landfills with recycling and composting waste advisories and guidelines, including waste that has been landfilled previously.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – A potential permissive increase in local government expenditures; the extent and timing of any such expenditures cannot be determined because such impacts are dependent upon several unknown factors. No significant impact to state government.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by TDEC, there are 26 counties that have fewer than seven regional solid waste board members.
- According to TDEC, Metro Nashville and Shelby County do not provide per diem or reimbursement to board members.
- It is assumed that local government entities have an option of providing per diem or reimbursement to board members, but are not required to do so.
- To the extent any local government entity elects to provide any compensation or reimbursement for travel expenses to board members, there would be a permissive increase in local expenditures. The extent of any such expenditures is unknown and dependent upon several unknown factors such as the number of local entities that elect to compensate or reimburse members for travel expenses, the extent of any compensation rate paid to members, and the extent of travel expenditures that would be claimed by new board members.
- TDEC currently provides guidance and advisories to the regional solid waste boards, regional municipal solid waste advisory committees, and Class III and Class IV landfills.
- TDEC will provide guidance for recycling and composting Class III and Class IV landfill waste which is already landfilled within existing resources without an increased

appropriation or a reduced reversion; therefore, any fiscal impact to the Department is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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